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STOP THE DRAFT -- STOP FOREIGN INTERVENTION

GOVERNMENT IS OUR ENEMY!

(NOT THE IRANIANS)

The fifty hostages held by militant students in Tehran are U.S. State Department bureaucrats and agents. They are not "innocent" Americans cruelly detained without proper cause. Millions of Iranians quite rightly hold the U.S. government responsible for upholding the power of the Shah who murdered, tortured, imprisoned and maimed tens of thousands of peaceful persons. They want the return of the Shah and the billions of dollars he stole from the Iranian people. The Carter government and David Rockefeller of the Chase Manhattan Bank and the Trilateral Commission have protected the Shah from justifiable extradition and prosecution. In this context, the capture and custody of U.S. (i.e., Carter-Rockefeller) embassy personnel by Iranians is quite reasonable. Observe that private U.S. citizens in Tehran are unharmed and free to leave.

Carter and other government officials have used the Iranian and Afghan "crises" to stir up fear and military interventionist hysteria. Undoubtedly, the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan is detestable but it should not distract the American people from their main problems -- monetary inflation caused by the Federal Reserve Board and the bureaucratic blight of the warfare-welfare State.

Soviet imperialism in Afghanistan doesn't steal 600 (plus) billion out of our pockets each year, it doesn't impose forced bussing on our children, it doesn't stick its OSHA-EPA-FCC (etc.) nose into our private business, it doesn't sic the IRS on us to rob our earnings and savings, it doesn't impose an inflation rate of nearly 20% on our tax-burdened backs and doesn't enforce Affirmative Action. The U.S. government does!

It (the government at all levels) is the enemy of all peaceful working people! The embassy personnel in Iran were all living off of the theft of our taxes and implicated in various criminal conspiracies of the Shah aided by this tax-theft supported government against innocent people abroad.

Now our rulers such as Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson want to employ this government-inspired mess to bring back the draft, i.e., military conscription slavery. Although they admit that drafting unwilling youths will have little practical value in the Persian Gulf (the military lacks (and will lack for many years) the logistical capacity to support a large enough force), they want to coerce young men and women to fight the Fed's war overseas.

Their rationale (i.e., the state-capitalist rationale of our ruling class) is that the protection of Saudi-Aramco oil fields and Afghan peasants is morally superior to the natural rights of young draftees who are to be enslaved and sacrificed to an insane "foreign policy".

So friend, don't be misled and manipulated by the government. It's not the Soviet invasion of a small neighboring country that threatens our security -- it's the lack of an effective protection against incoming Soviet nuclear ICBM's. Our whole population is being held hostage by the U.S. government's MAD (mutually assured destruction) strategy. Why are we spending \$150 billion yearly and still no protection for our families?

THE DRAFT WON'T PROTECT OUR COUNTRY: it will only make it easier for the government military-industrial complex to start wars overseas and conspiratorial involvements with foreign dictators. This type of defense-foreign policy system will produce more "Irans" enraged against "U.S. imperialism" -- more multi-billion dollar "cost overruns" for wing-fatigued C5A's. And every year, "tax-freedom" day will come ever later until our serfdom to the State is total.

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